

Introduction of Ocean Church





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God has reserved one activity for us; everyone else has run away from it. Now all conditions are ready for our organization.

Business on land has been dominated by people who hurt and even kill each other in order to survive. But the ocean is one area where God has not allowed that to happen. He has waited patiently for the Unification Church to appear, reserving that area for us.

The world is one-third land and two-thirds ocean. The ocean has whatever the land has and even more. Man can eat everything that lives in the ocean. In addition, America has three of the four best fishing grounds of the world, but has not been using them because there is no substantial market for fish here. The fishing industry has markedly declined in the past 30 to 40 years. Why the decline?

First, ocean-going life is harder than life on land, and young people do not want a hard life. Second, the market for fish has been unstable, with wholesalers paying as little as 5¢ per pound, a ridiculous price; sometimes fishermen dump their catch in the ocean because nobody will buy it. Third, when husbands are away at sea for so long, their families start to break up and their wives leave. With no incentives, many older fishermen become discouraged and quit, and few young people want to take the risks. We are the only group which can overcome these three obstacles, through our ocean church program.

The current situation in America favors the rebirth of fishing. Americans are now learning that fish is a better protein than red meat and also that it is less likely to be contaminated than red meat. Also, with the hunger problems in the world today, if America does not catch the fish within her territorial waters, other nations will accuse her and demand to be allowed to enter her fishing grounds. However, if Americans do catch the fish, then they can sell it to hungry people.

When Father began tuna fishing several years ago, for 22 days he did not catch a single tuna. There were some strikes, but nothing was pulled in. It was very difficult; still, he worked hard and raised the standard. Eventually, he devised a new system for catching tuna and has developed a perfect pattern that never fails.

Now you do not even need experience to catch tuna, because if a newcomer follows Father's directions exactly, he can catch a fish the first day. That happened this summer. Professional fishermen might catch two, three or maybe four tunas in one season. But our members who never fished before pulled in five, six and even seven in a single season. People were quite impressed and came to ask questions.

Last year our members caught 165 tunas. I believe that next year we can get 500-600.

If Father would offer a tuna seminar, he knows many people who would be interested in coming to hear him. He has ten hours of information to share. Even the tuna, if they had ears to hear him, would be very interested in listening!

Some people are born in such a way that fish will follow them. Just as some people are bound to make money in business, others are bound to catch fish.

(Many Barrytown Seminary graduates volunteered for ocean church, and 24 were assigned as leaders in as many port cities on the East, West and Gulf coasts of the United States. Eventually, there will be 30 ocean church centers in all. Each of them is to build up a foundation for 60 members. They will lead a religious life while fishing, and use this

environment to teach people about God and raise them spiritually.)

First, those of you who will be going out will have to familiarize yourselves with the ocean. Many of you haven't been out to sea in a long time, perhaps never. So even if you are enthusiastic, you have to know what it is like. You have to become friendly with the sea.

Without knowing what you were getting into, you first became involved in fishing when you caught fish with Father at Barrytown, and worked with him to make nets. This was part of your initiation.

This year's summer tuna fishing was another part of the preparation. After fishing for tuna, everybody came to like the sea and like fishing. And once people get a knack for it, they never want to give up.

There are not enough *Good Go* fiberglass boats ready for all of you right now. So half of you should go to your assigned city and start to lay the foundation there until your boat comes. Those of you who have not had experience fishing this summer can talk to those who did and learn from them. When you go to your assigned port, visit people and ask them questions. Invite them to lunch or dinner and learn from them. Buy a book about the local fishing industry and study it.

The towns around fishing ports in America are declining because young people do not want to fish. Thus, the citizens are anxious to see their towns revived. They know that there is a good future in the oceans. You must visit the Coast Guard chief, police chief and mayor, introducing yourself and your goals. Tell them that your sole concern is to revive the fishing industry in America. Soon many young people will come to work with you at the seaport; and boats, trailers and vans will follow. Tell them you will do your best to lead young people and to reverse the trend of decadence to constructive creativity. When these leaders understand our purpose, they will eventually organize support groups.

For witnessing, you can look for people who want to learn how to fish. Take enthusiastic volunteers, for instance those who want to go out on a charter boat, and teach them how to fish. You can teach them Divine Principle as well, while you are fishing. You will not charge them a fee and they can keep whatever they catch. In this way, you can develop a friendship with them.

We will offer a program to explain our objectives and ideals to any young men who are interested in working at sea. Organize material into lectures, and assemble groups to speak to. Eventually, there will be even 600 people applying for the 60 places on your fleet, and we will screen them through three, seven and 21-day workshops, accepting the best candidates.

When you have 50 members, you can order a trawler. Eventually, you should gather about 60 members, who will work in the fleet of ten *Good Go* boats and the trawler, plus selling fish. All will have to work together smoothly; then we will expand and grow, fulfilling the purpose of the church.

When you have that many people, you will have to supervise them all and train them well. You will have to embrace everyone; don't let them isolate themselves. Live with them and work hard to train them. Don't think so much about yourself. Rather, you should care most about the other members. Spend time with them on board.

As you finish educating somebody, send him fishing and continue with another person. Become like a mother hen. If

you establish yourself in this way, then you can do anything.

You are not regular fishermen—you are the fishermen who will educate other fishermen. You have to teach Divine Principle, VOC and Unification Thought. You will have to educate new members and let them join the new heavenly activity. You have to be capable of teaching them.

The captain or leader has to know about everything. If you do not understand something, you cannot teach it to the others. You even have to be a first-class mechanic. If you do not understand much about engines, buy a manual and learn to fix them. Save money as much as possible.

On one of our commercial boats for instance, the fishermen receive a food allowance, in addition to a salary. They buy rice, kimchee, hot bean paste and one other staple. For the rest of their meal, they catch fresh fish. They say that the fish is so good they need nothing more. Then their unused food allowance is added to their salary. You can eat fish, too. If you spend much money, you will end up saving nothing.

You will be like a state leader, in a way. Don't try to settle down, however; be constantly on the move, along the coastline. If you do well, you can grow faster than the inland churches.

If you really move around and become creative, Father feels that a real foundation can be made. The whole town will notice your existence and will welcome you. Father feels that substantial numbers of high quality people will come to you for guidance. Then you can educate them and inspire them to work for the sake of the country. Furthermore, when other sailors and fishermen respect you, you will have established yourself.

Although you are leaders and directors of ocean-going people and not just administrators, you also have to learn how to sell fish. You have a visible objective now, catching fish. You have a tangible goal, not an abstract one. What do you do with the fish you catch? Sell it on the American market. If you do not have enough fish with what you catch, you can buy from other fishermen. If you have too much, you can sell it overseas.

Within a year, you will receive 11 boats: ten 28-foot *Good Go's* and one large stern trawler. You will have three years to pay for them. The fiberglass boats will last and last, unlike wooden or metal ones. If you take reasonable care of them, they will serve you for 30 to 50 years and will be a source of pride for the entire town as well as your household. The boats are beautiful. People who know something about boats are struck by their stability and special design.

Mayors and Coast Guard personnel will all want these boats, as well as those who patrol the ports. Every household would like to buy one also. Someday living on the boat will be a greater source of pride than living in a mansion.

These boats will be your churches, and in the future, when people visit your port, they will ask where the boat church is. The members will have a regular spiritual life, but their mission will be on the ocean. The crews will rise before the sun and pray, and then head out to sea at sunrise. They will fish all day and return as the sun sets. They will catch more fish than anyone else in the area, even more than people who have been fishing for many years. Those who complain and say, "Moonie, go home!" will be those who go out at 10:00 and return at 3:00. When the authorities investigate to see what is wrong with the Moonies, they will find no reason to criticize us, because they will see that we

catch more fish because we work harder.

Next year, all 300 *Good Go* boats will gather in Gloucester for the tuna tournament. What a sight that will be!

Father can come out on a helicopter and visit all the different boats. He would like to eat a lunch of freshly caught fish with you. If you really implement this plan and make it a success, don't you think the members of the Unification Church will grow?

Daikon Ohnuki will be the advisor of the ocean churches. In addition, Rev. Kwak will visit you and give lectures and Mr. Sang Ik Choi will be available to help with public relations.

Father is planning that each Unification Church leader be on the ocean for at least a year and a half. We have a saying in Korean, "the one who gets the first punishment gets away easier." If you get punished last, it is more difficult. So you might as well volunteer now and get on the boat earlier than anyone! If the idea doesn't excite you, even if you try, you will not bring success.

Actually, once you get accustomed to it, there is no reason to stick to the land. The sea has more opportunity. More people are interested in leaving the fishing business, but you have all kinds of reasons to enter it.

Would you unmatched members like to be matched with people from the land church or from the ocean church? It's up to you, because you, not I, will have to live with them.

When this ocean church is really under way, people will cherish it as a monument to the revival of their town.

When there is a famine in some part of the world, there are many resources that can be transported to that place. American companies sometimes have a surplus of products which become a burden to them because they must be stored. We have now created a foundation which can receive surplus commodities, plus a fleet to transport them.

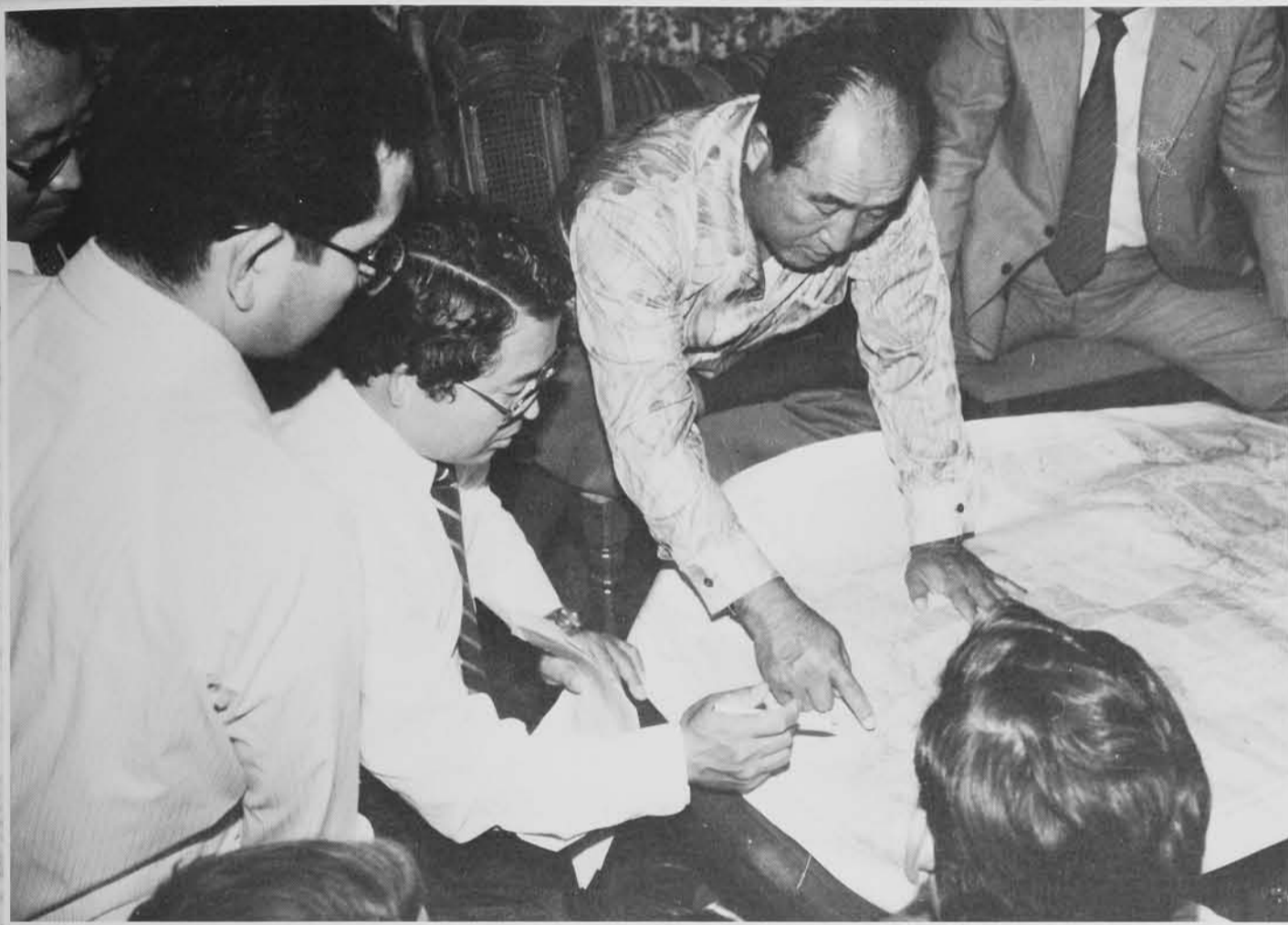
Cold storage is the big problem in the fishing industry. Therefore, we are investigating advanced techniques of making dry fish powder that doesn't need cold storage. We will develop powders from different fish and combine them like multiple vitamins. This powder can be used in daily cooking, to supplement the overuse of flour and starch. You will be able to create a new cuisine for using fish powder in nutritious cooking. We will invite children to taste fish powder bread and wheat flour bread. Children are very honest. I am sure that they will all take the fish bread. Fish powder contains most of the nutrition you need. With a bag of fish powder, you can travel anywhere in the world, and eat wherever you are.

I always thought that if people didn't like me, then I could build the kingdom of heaven on the ocean first, and then bring it to the land. I seldom eat a tuna I have caught, because I see it as a sacrifice for the sake of mankind. For me, tuna fishing certainly is not a vacation, it is a war and a battle.

When I see the enthusiasm American sport fishermen have for tuna fishing, I think that if they loved America the way they do fishing, it would have become the kingdom of heaven a long time ago. I always think that if Americans have that kind of heart and soul, why not harness it for kingdom building?

During the tedious hours of waiting for a tuna to strike, people complain and fight. But once a tuna bites, they are instantly united as one team. This is the unification spirit I am trying to promote. I want Unification members to come from all over the world to experience this.





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1800 Blessed Couples Anniversary Celebration



February 8, 1977, New York

The 1800 Couples Anniversary Dinner began as many separate celebrations and gradually coalesced into one large celebration with our True Parents as the guests of honor.

Originally there were to be three separate celebrations, all informal and much smaller than the dinner that was finally held at 43rd Street. The Japanese couples had planned a celebration featuring Mr. Kwak as the guest speaker. Many American couples had been feeling the need for spiritual guidance and so when Mr. Salonen found that the Japanese were having Mr. Kwak speak, he asked Mr. Kwak if he would speak to Western and Japanese couples together.

A large celebration was planned, with Mr. Kwak to speak to everyone with dinner and entertainment following. Mr. Kwak was happy to speak to us all, except now there would have to be a translator to translate his Japanese into English. This turned out to be quite a problem, as no one felt confident to translate such delicate material. We had a speaker who could speak great Japanese, yet no one to translate his words into the ones that we could understand. Mr. Kwak had a solution in mind that would save the day.

Just a day before the event, we started hearing rumors that Father would come to the dinner and speak to the couples himself. What was once planned as a rather informal dinner was becoming a grand affair with Father himself attending! The kitchen staff began scrambling to find everything to prepare for Father's table, and we made Father's conference room ready for his speech. We were very happy that Father and Mother would take time out of their busy schedule to be with us, and we could hardly contain our joy.

I think that everyone will always be grateful to Father for making this a very memorable occasion, and to Mr. Kwak for providing the means for it to happen. Father spoke to us all for two and a half hours, often making comments to individual couples, and making the Japanese couples giggle by speaking to them individually in Japanese. After the speech, Father and Mother led us all downstairs to a wonderful dinner of Chicken Cordon Bleu. Father remarked to the guests at his table that the 1800 couples must be good couples because the food was very good. He passed some of the food on his table to the couples at the other tables.

After dinner a three-tiered anniversary cake was presented, but Father said that one of the 1800 couples should cut the cake rather than himself. Mr. Salonen chose Robert and Mameko Rattley to cut the cake, and they did so in the tradition of our True Parents, cutting it in half and then in quarters. Father enjoyed coaching them in the heavenly method of cake cutting.

Some of the couples and groups had prepared songs, and they were offered, and most of the couples at the head table sang songs for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Salonen did their rendition of "For Baby," and Mr. Kamiyama sang a popular Japanese song. The real entertainment, however, came when Father and Mother performed their famous number, "Um Maya." This ended our Parents' participation in the evening, and we roused the neighborhood as we saw them out the door with shouts of "Goodbye, Father, Goodbye, Mother," and of course, "Monsei!"

Mr. Salonen spoke to us briefly after our Parents left, and sent us all to the movies. All headed out the door, with memories of a wonderful evening that will last for years to come.

**Father's Speech on the Second
Anniversary of the 1800 Couples' Wedding
February 8, 1977, New York**

A memory often remains deep in our minds after we have had some special experience. However, even in a few years it gradually becomes fainter and fainter in our minds. Do you remember the bitter coldness of February 8, when the 1800 couples' blessing ceremony was done in Chunju gymnasium in Seoul two years ago? I would guess you could never forget it in your whole life. In a thin Korean wedding dress you shivered with cold before you went into the gymnasium. You were cold, weren't you? Some couples who went in first might not be so cold, but the other couples who went in later must have been cold. I think some members would have thought it was much better to come back home for the warmth rather than to stay in the coldness outside the gymnasium.

Now you have had a separation period for two years since you were blessed. You exchange letters with each other, counting days with your fingers, expecting the time when you can live together. You will never forget this period of separation. But as soon as you begin married life you will understand that it is not so easy to live together as a couple. Husband and wife each have different thoughts about married life, as different as your different faces. It is so difficult to make unity between the two minds of husband and wife.

However, all of you have basically the same idea that everything is God's Will and providence. Your idea of marriage based on the Divine Principle is superior to the usual thoughts of marriage in the world.

Now you must think that you can't believe in marriage without the Principle. Is that true? Your marriage is so different from marriage in the unprincipled world. Nobody can guarantee the life of a usual marriage. You will be able to find that out from many different viewpoints. Even one word, if it is the wrong word, can cause divorce.

Men and women live in two separate worlds. Have you ever felt it? How about members who have already been married? It is a practical problem. Who could restore the original relationship of love if one word can cause separation between a husband and wife? It is impossible to restore it in the world. But for us it is possible because we have the same purpose, idea, and belief. Even though we might make a big mistake in our life, we will pay an indemnity condition to restore it because we believe in God and True Parents. God will scold you, "You made a mistake."

Were you grateful to receive the blessing or not? Which? If you were not so grateful, you need me. I want to say another good point about our blessing. It is nice you have many blessed sisters and brothers as your family.

How do Korean blessed couples spend their married life for God? And how about Japanese blessed couples and American couples? When you think about them, you will be compelled to make up your mind not to be the last on the list of the blessed couples compared with other blessed couples. It is very good to reflect on this and awaken yourself.

Therefore, it is much better for you to be blessed in the Unification Church than to have a marriage in the world. So, among couples who are already living together, I imagine you have quarreled with each other. Especially because American women are so strong, American men will have difficulties. Americans have the democratic thought that everybody has a right to equality. Our thought is different. For example, a woman is in the object position to the husband who has the subject position. Therefore, it is a crime for a woman to be angry at a man. Compared with the rate of anger between men and women, I think that women are more short-tempered than men. Two-thirds of anger comes from women rather than men.

But it is wrong from the point of view of the Divine Principle. In the Garden of Eden, Adam was forced into the original sin by Eve. Therefore, women have to establish indemnity conditions that women completely obey men.

Women absolutely must not get angry. As soon as a man and a woman have married life, you can understand that a woman can be subjugated by a man.

Since Japanese sisters came to America, most American brothers began to yearn after Oriental sisters very much and, on the other hand, to dislike the strong ways of American women. If American men understand the Divine Principle enough, they will agree with my idea.

If I ask American men outside our church who are married to American women, whether their wives are very obedient and trustworthy, probably they will have no confidence. When they ask their wives if they can love only them their whole lives long the wife will answer that she has no confidence in doing that. American women have fallen into a miserable situation. As soon as such a wife has a slight quarrel with her husband, she will suspect that her husband has another woman. It is very miserable to a man. What kind of relationship is there between a husband and a wife after a wife begins to have such doubts in her mind? It is so terrible. If then they have a baby, they will repent and think that they should not have had the baby. They should not be allowed to take care of their innocent baby with this sense of guilt. It is a big problem. However, our Unification Church's blessed couples are so happy.

Even though a husband and wife quarrel with each other, they quickly become reconciled and together go fundraising and witnessing the next day. Soon, you can make peace between you. What an amazing idea of marriage we have! In the case of international blessings, the customs between a husband and wife are so different, so it is more difficult to make unity.

But if a husband and a wife can understand each other, both of them will become persons of fine character. It is natural to have a struggling period for three years. After three years, you will be a good couple. For example, the Oriental woman likes to be loved quietly, like a doll. Therefore, if the Western husband can understand it and control her, the couple will be matched well.

The husband should not give a test to his wife; you must not give a shock to damage your wife. Most women desire to serve their husbands 100 per cent. Accordingly, it is wrong if their husbands don't understand them and coldly put their wives through difficulties to evaluate them.

You international couples have a most important position. If a wife blessed in international marriage says she regrets marrying a foreigner, afterwards the way to international marriages will be closed. Then Oriental men could be blessed only with Oriental women and Western men could be blessed only with Western women, and the way of God's providence would be closed. It would be limited only to the Orient. The Oriental world and the Western world would be completely divided. To our ancestors in the past and to generations in the future, it would be inexcusable. If you cannot make an ideal family on the earth, you will not understand the ideal spiritual world. How can we accomplish the salvation of the spiritual world if whites like to live only with whites?

In the spirit world, if Western spirits don't like Eastern spirits, this is not ideal. The important mission of the Unification Church is to make a united world. We must establish the world in which hearts are filled with the desire for world unity. In order to accomplish this purpose we must promote international blessings. You must make your ideal family a representative family in the world, thinking that international couples were blessed for a special purpose.

I can pick out one exceptional person from among ten thousand people. It is a big mistake for you to think that I did not consider anything special when I made your match.

In the case of the foreign missionaries, success depends on their own effort and real ability. Generally speaking, I think a man would rather work hard for his mission than write a letter. He probably does not want to report so precisely to his wife. He may have some difficulty in this country. Even though your husband does not write letters to you, you should not think that he is not concerned about you. Finally



you will meet him in the future and live together. When you write a letter to your husband, in your letter you need not stress the need for your husband to make a good result from the point of view of Heavenly Father. For example, you had better introduce the beautiful scenery in America, American history and your impression of American books.

You should elaborate a plan which will be useful in your future life as a couple. So you should make some plans in order to give him a good impression of you. You must not think that if your husband doesn't write a letter for a month he doesn't love you any more. Even if you don't receive a letter from him for one year, a good wife could continue writing letters which encourage him. Write the following way: "You probably have no time to look upon the stars in the sky because you are compelled to work hard for your mission. I am grateful to you."

Write poetically. Send a picture of your profile taken when you are looking toward the sea on the beach. In your hand you can hold your letter in which you wrote about what a wonderful day it was and how you wished he had been there to see it. Don't write a letter complaining because you haven't received a letter from him. You can give him an impression that you have some excellent quality different from your husband. Then your husband will reflect on himself.

It is more difficult for a man to live together with one woman his whole life long than to conquer the whole universe. Even I often observe and study True Mother. I observe her with interest. I notice that she has this kind of sense and that kind of sense. I think she is very impressed when I speak to her in this way or that way. If I touch a certain part of her heart, I can guess she will feel such and such. Through observation and studying, we can recognize each other's different worlds and have a deep exchange between us.

Generally speaking, a woman can't improve herself if



she thinks only of herself. A man is in the same situation. I am sure that men can't understand women. There is a fundamental difference between a man and a woman. A man's opinion is just the opposite of a woman's opinion. The direction which is decided by a man is fundamentally different. Accordingly, a woman should often pay attention to a man. That woman who can't live with her husband, who demands that he should be concerned only about her, may be called a thief.

You will violate the heavenly laws if you send a letter which hurts your husband's heart. A man doesn't like to report everything to his wife. A man often has his secrets in his mind. But it is also principled love.

Though each man has his own destiny, a man usually can't judge his own destiny. I have the best facial features to become a worldwide leader. I can judge Heavenly fortune, not just worldwide fortune. It is very significant to judge Heavenly fortune. I think most Westerners can't understand Oriental philosophy. At the matching of 1800 blessed couples, I quickly decided every couple within nine hours. I did it like a work of God. Though it seemed as if I did it without any thought, it is different. I am a man of miracles.

Even if you cannot make unity between yourselves, you will have good children in your future. That is my plan. Even though neither of you is such a superior person, excellent children will be born from you. If a woman chose her favorite man as her husband, that couple might end their married life in half a year. I think Western brothers and sisters must never have heard this kind of speech about the blessing.

Each person has different qualities, depending on spiritual standards of his ancestors, whether they did good or evil. Everybody's standard is different. My insight is very keen. As I have been thinking about the spiritual world, I can look into your invisible mind. Therefore, I hope you do not



spend your daily life like the common man and woman outside the Unification Church. It is not so good that I become older and older, because you still need more training and development.

I have never studied physiognomy, but I can see into the minds of other persons. I have been doing this since I was eight years old. If I recognize that someone is good, it becomes clear in the future that he is indeed good. But on the other hand, if I recognize that he is not so good, he really turns out that way. I have been known for such predictions since I was a child.

All of my relatives thought that I would become famous in the future. I could predict whether it would be dry weather or wet weather next year. I don't like to publicly make such predictions. Though I can do it, I don't speak about it.

You must be proud that your blessing was given by a man who has the highest record for the matchmaker in worldwide marriage. You must remember it well.

We can evaluate the marriage of each couple after three generations, taking into consideration their children and grandchildren. When we see our grandchildren we can recognize how the family will develop later. What do you think about our couple?

The keys for development as foreign missionaries are to eat less and sleep fewer hours than the other members. Work harder and wear worse clothes than the other members. That is the best way to develop each foreign mission. The first six months is a very important period for you to gain success. Work harder and do jobs which the other members don't like to do. You will finally be welcomed as their guest. Then the other members will do everything instead of you. Work harder in order to be welcomed as a good wife of a foreign missionary.

Make an effort to become a good wife and then a good

mother. A woman is a woman. Finally her husband will most strongly influence her. A man is a seed. A woman is the ground. Therefore, it is very important how well the seed is planted in the ground.

The thing you have to be always conscious of is whether you are remembered by God and which rank among the 1800 couples you hold, because God doesn't see you as one person or one couple. If God is going to bless one couple among 1800 couples, He blessed the best couple among them. He thinks this way. He thinks on the worldwide scale, universally, so He will give His blessing to the couple who can become the best family on this level. They can become admirable ancestors who are about to have splendid descendants. Therefore, God doesn't think of you horizontally as an individual person or couple. God thinks of you according to what rank you can achieve as the representative of 1800 couples. So you have to consider that you receive the allotment of grace from God according to what rank you can attain before God. Who can set the tradition of 1800 couples from now on? One couple who sets the tradition becomes a central point. God is watching for it, and reaching for it. You may think of your blessing as being only one among 1800 couples, but Jesus' family and your family are the same. You may not think you have an historical mission. "I was blessed cheaply without doing anything during three years in the Unification Church." You may only think it has this value, not more than that.

Three points—the spiritual world, the earth, and descendants —must meet vertically in a straight line. Otherwise, your ancestors will get indemnity as well as your descendants. Therefore, you must be thankful, because if there was not this man or this woman with whom you are blessed, you could not be given this blessing. The hope of human history is this blessing. It is no problem, even if your husband doesn't have eyes or a nose. Which position are you going to reach? Are you going to become number one of 1800 or drop out?

Blessing is not for each individual person. It is for the connection between nation and nation, for the unification of the spiritual world, for the unification of the earth, and for the unification of spiritual world and earth. You may not realize it has the vertical contents. Therefore, if you fall, there is no salvation. If the blessed couple falls selfishly, there is no way of salvation. We can never admit such a case in our world. When you divorce selfishly, your ancestors get indemnity, back to 70 generations they get indemnity. Marriage is not for yourself, it is for all mankind. Therefore, when one of two people falls, the faithful person will be matched again. It is the Principle. If Adam hadn't fallen, his life could be meaningful; if Eve hadn't fallen, Adam could be valuable. People who disobey the Principle will be cut off, but you who are faithful will be blessed.

Therefore, the problem of man and woman from now on means the problem of life and death. If a woman meets with such a situation, she should die rather than fall. You should exchange it with your life. In God's providence, people sacrificed to purify their lineage until now. Because I was born on the earth, I could purify your lineage so you could stand in this blessed condition. Therefore, the sin of falling again cannot be forgiven. Consequently, the time when man's virtue is more necessary than woman's has come. Adam didn't keep his virtue. Adam should have kept his universal virtue, but lost it. Consequently, we must not repeat this history.

I am not doing this for fun. I am blessing you to solve the

problem of the spiritual world. Therefore, when you have three meals—breakfast, lunch, and dinner—you should have them always thinking of your partner. Have you done this? If you look around here and there at the breakfast, lunch and dinner, the results may be dreadful. It could cause indemnity for ancestors and descendants. You don't think of such a connection now, but if you have such an experience, the misery after it happens is tragic. Maybe you don't realize it.

When you act without thought, it could become a problem beyond description—fear coming from the bottom of your heart. Then you will have more fear than the hell of Adam and Eve's fall. The spiritual world will watch from now on whose lineage can be kept pure. This is the present competition. The problem from now on is whether you can maintain thousands of generations with a pure lineage. Color of skin is

not a problem. This is the time to compete with nations for purity.

Consequently you should think about which position you can have among 1800 couples. God wants to see everyone become number one. You have to reach such a goal being thankful and doing your best. Blessed couples have a very serious position. If you don't have confidence, it is better for you not to be blessed. You are not American, Japanese, or Korean. You are beyond nationality. Who will be able to dominate the world with this kind of tradition after my death? Only the person who inherits the tradition of going beyond nationality and with his heart on the worldwide scale can dominate the world. You must educate your children with such a tradition. In order to educate your precious children, you must become such a person.



Anniversary of the International Wedding of 74 Couples



Introductory remarks by Col. Pak February 21, 1971

God created Adam and Eve to be the parents of mankind, and He blessed them saying: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God created man for the fulfillment of these three major blessings expressed in Genesis 1:28. The first blessing is the perfection of man. The second blessing is that of the divine marriage of perfect husband and wife to create the family. The third is the lordship over all creation.

If Adam and Eve had been totally obedient to God and had united with Him, they would have become the first temples of God through their individual perfection. It was God's plan then to bring perfected Adam and Eve into heavenly matrimony, and as husband and wife, they would have created the first family of man on earth. As they multiplied children, their posterity would have filled the earth, and they would have been given lordship over all the earth. That would have consummated the three blessings of God, and the joy of God would have been abundant throughout heaven and earth.

Through disobedience, however, Adam and Eve separated themselves from God and could not achieve perfection. Therefore God could not bless Adam and Eve in heavenly matrimony and human history started with a satanic lineage. It is truly astonishing to realize that even with having so many billions of people on earth since then, God has never had His

own family. Not a single family was ever formed with the full blessing of God. It is truly heartwarming, though, to know that in the long 6,000 years of biblical history, God's total goal has been the restoration of mankind into His own family. He has been longing for the day of the first heavenly wedding ceremony.

God wanted to see this heavenly wedding during the time of Jesus Christ. Jesus came as the Messiah, the first begotten son, the first man on earth without sin. He came to earth as perfected Adam. He was supposed to be the first perfect bridegroom on earth. As the culminating point of his ministry, Jesus Christ should have been installed as the True Parent of mankind by restoring a heavenly bride and forming the first family of God on earth. The faithlessness of the people, however, did not allow this glorious day to come about in the time of Jesus Christ. Rather he was crucified on the cross. Ever since that time, mankind was destined to receive the second Messiah or the third Adam.

It is incredible and astonishing to realize today that we members of the Unification Church are living in another Messianic era. We are a privileged people who have known the True Parents of mankind. We are privileged people who are allowed to see God, not in a mirror dimly, but face to face. We are privileged people who have been experiencing the very heart of God.

Because of our knowledge of the True Parents, not because of our own merit, we are now entitled to be called sons and daughters of God. We are indeed a privileged people who have been summoned by God to build His kingdom on earth.

Today we see 74 chosen pairs of men and women who have been handpicked by God to be blessed into heavenly matrimony by the True Parents of mankind. This historical event which we are about to witness will unite the entire heaven and earth in these men and women, creating heavenly families which shall be admitted into the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven.

Although our world and the media are quiet today, the billions of citizens in the spirit world know that today another important cornerstone of the Kingdom of God on earth is about to be laid here in America. The entire spirit world is enviously looking upon these privileged men and women from 11 different nations of the world.

We all humbly recognize that none of us in this room is worthy of possessing such extraordinary blessing. None of us even really knows the true significance of this moment. All we know is that we belong to the True Parents and by having absolute faith in them we shall achieve perfection. By faith alone are we qualified. By absolute obedience alone are we justified to be here. All we can do is pledge our total loyalty to God and the True Parents and ask them to rest assured that we shall not commit the same mistakes that Adam and Eve committed in the Garden of Eden. We shall pledge our lives to God and the True Parents so that they can use us as building blocks of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

As members of the Unification Church International from all over the world, we bring our heartfelt congratulations to you selected champions of our movement who are participating in today's honor and glory. We extend our heartfelt congratulations upon your blessed marriage.

We pay our hearty respect and admiration to you who, through your long-standing loyalty and absolute devotion to the True Parents have won today's honor to be selected as blessed couples. We know that many of you have gone through untold tribulations and persecution. You have victoriously gone through severe tests of God in personal tragedies, and you have withstood the worst temptations. Today, you are here as victors of heaven.

We admire your courage and faith. We give our applause to your dauntless determination to follow the True Parents with such an absolute standard. You men and women who will stand in front of the True Parents for blessing today are shining examples of the Unification Church members throughout the world. You have been the pacemakers of our

movement, and you have set a beautiful tradition to be followed. Yet, today is the real beginning for you. All heaven and earth will watch what you do after this blessing. We still have ground to cover to reach perfection. But I am sure you will all come out final and eternal victors.

I would like to end by quoting the words of Reverend Sun Myung Moon in his message on September 11, 1974:

"What is our purpose? To become true men. We will create the true husband and wife and become true parents to give birth to children who experience love among themselves and form a loving brotherhood. And those children and parents together will create one heavenly family. That family will expand into a true society. That true society will expand into a true nation. That true nation will expand into a true world. God bless you all. Thank you."

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On February 21, our True Parents officiated at the largest blessing ceremony ever held outside of Korea. Seventy-four couples were chosen from eleven different nations. The wedding ceremony took place at the World Mission Center in New York.

Many could feel that this blessing was very special because so many couples were older members and had waited so long for this time. We were all deeply grateful to be present, to share in this ceremony and to experience joy with our Heavenly Father and our True Parents upon receiving these couples.

Many of the participants came from overseas. The largest number from one nation was 99 from Japan. There were 27 from America. Other nations represented were Korea, Austria, Germany, Holland, France, Greece and England.

The wedding took place at 3 p.m. in the Terrace Ballroom. After all guests had gathered, Col. Pak opened the event by his address explaining the deep meaning of the ceremony.

Twelve men and women attendants represented the 777 and 1800 couples. These couples formed an aisle for our True Parents and the wedding participants to walk through. Our True Parents entered and took their places as the officiators while the Go-World Brass Band and the New Hope Singers International accompanied them with "The Song of the Banquet," "Our Forefathers" and Schubert's "Marche Militaire."

The couples marched into the room, passing in front of our True Parents to receive their blessing and took their positions in four columns on the right and left facing Father and Mother.

Father then asked the wedding vows:

1. *As the restored sons and daughters of God, can you pledge that you will keep the unchanging heavenly law, becoming the ideal ancestors of goodness, the true Adams and Eves, and that you will be responsible for any errors you make from now on?*

2. *As the eternal true husbands and wives, you will create not only the ideal family of God, inheriting His blessing, forever, but also you will establish the authority and dignity of Heaven and God's family. Do you pledge this?*

3. *As true parents, can you promise that you will raise your children as the obedient and loyal sons of goodness to be able to inherit the will of Heaven and to establish the law of Heaven?*

4. *As one of the central families of heaven, you will become the center of the universe and through the offspring of your home, not only the family of goodness, but also the society of goodness, the nation of goodness, and finally the world of goodness will be established. Can you pledge this?*

In response to each of Father's four questions, all the couples answered with a resounding "Ye!" Then Father prayed:

Heavenly Father:

Today, February 21, 1977, we are thankful for this Blessing ceremony for the new eternal husbands and wives, the seventy-four couples who stand before you.

Father, please trust us, because we have been walking the path for the restoration of indemnity with many sorrows and sadness. In the Garden of Eden, the place of ignorance, our ancestors fell, causing the grief of Heaven, but now we pledge that we will never allow God to suffer anymore.

Because we have experienced how miserable the path of restoration is, we promise that we will make an eternal family as the true son and daughter where Father can dwell with us forever.

Not only this, we will connect the offspring of goodness on this earth to restore the sorrow of the world centering on the family, society, nation, world; and furthermore, as the true substitute of Adam and Eve's family, we will restore the spirit world as the angelic world.

We are so grateful that we begin the new true family to cast out the evil power. We are proud of becoming the children of Heavenly Father and True Parents to serve as our individual parents, our family parents, and furthermore, the parents of society; of the people, of the nation, of the world, and of Heaven and Earth. Now, under the blessing of True Parents, we receive the unique and eternal family from Father.

We pledge that we will become the true good ancestors forever from now on in front of Heavenly Father, and that we will make the central family which can have pride and prestige before Heaven and Earth as the Heavenly Family. Please give the blessing to the spirit world to be able to join in this place with their ancestors and their descendants as well. We know that besides God Himself, many religious leaders and many good spirits are looking at this place, because in this place there are the children from eleven countries. We ask your blessing to make this historical moment of sacred ceremony connecting directly to their ancestors, and to their descendants at this place.

Moreover, since the first Day of Heavenly Victory, Unification Church could fulfill the foundation of victory over the path of indemnity on the levels of individual, family, society, people, nation and world. This day was to unify the separated spiritual and physical world, between people and people, and among all the disconnected cultures. On this new historical basis I want to give blessing to the sorrowfully separated couples from the 777 and 1800 families. Please give grace to your children all over the world. Father, accept us at this historical time, so that Heaven and Earth can be proud of this ceremony, the cultures of East and West can be exchanged and all the Eastern and Western spiritual people can cooperate with each other to make one unified family, unified society, unified nation and unified world.

Father, let all the spiritual world stand in front of you, marching as one big family to defeat not only the evil, fallen world, but the angelic world as well.

Father, please accept this offering of seventy-four couples as eternal husbands and wives. We pledge that we will make the successful family as the center of the cosmos for the prestige of Heavenly Father, True Parents, and the pride of Heaven Family.

Father, thank you so much for your acceptance of the declaration of blessing to all the universe, which is the wish of Heaven and Earth, all creation and all people on this earth.

Today, I bless these seventy-four couples to be husband and wife eternally to each other, in the name of True Parents. Amen.

Following Father's prayer wedding rings were exchanged. Then Father pronounced the couples man and wife. Beautiful bouquets were then presented to our True Parents by a representative Western and a representative

Eastern couple. Father closed the ceremony with three victorious cheers of Monsei.

Our True Parents then marched down the aisle past the attendants and the newly married couples followed. The Go-World Brass Band played the traditional wedding march, and the overture to "Die Meistersinger" by Wagner.

The ceremony was an inspiration to everyone, for younger members who are looking forward to receiving the blessing and to those already blessed members who were reminded again of their own blessing ceremony.

The Terrace Ballroom was decorated in spring pastel colors; flowers and greens were everywhere. The brides all in white Korean wedding dresses and veils, held bouquets of twelve kinds of fragrant flowers. The grooms, strong and handsome, looked ready to take responsibility. Everyone could feel a deep joy and gratitude to them for all they had sacrificed for Heavenly Father.

As the room emptied, Col. Pak introduced visiting international Church dignitaries. He said, "We took special consideration in planning a noble, dignified, and colorful wedding. This is the principal wedding held outside of Korea, and it will set the tradition for those to follow." He explained that this blessing had been made possible by the victories of 1976. "This is a really great day," he said, "one of the most beautiful that I have seen."

Then Father and Mother suddenly reappeared and Father motioned the couples to come back. He announced that he and Mother would pose for a picture with each couple individually. This is the first time since the 36 Couples blessing in Korea that Father has done this. We could feel that this was a very personal and precious gift from Father and Mother to the 74 Couples. True Parents sat as each couple stood behind them for their picture to be taken. Father's children formed a reception line and shook hands with each couple, giving their personal congratulations.

When the last picture had been taken and Father and Mother had departed, photographers appeared from every corner and took pictures of everyone. Couples posed with their national leaders, spiritual parents and close friends. To further bless the occasion, Hyo-Jin, Kook-Jin and Heung-Jin ran from couple to couple to be included in the picture taking. Everyone, participants and guests, could experience God's joy on this very special occasion. It is a day we will never forget.

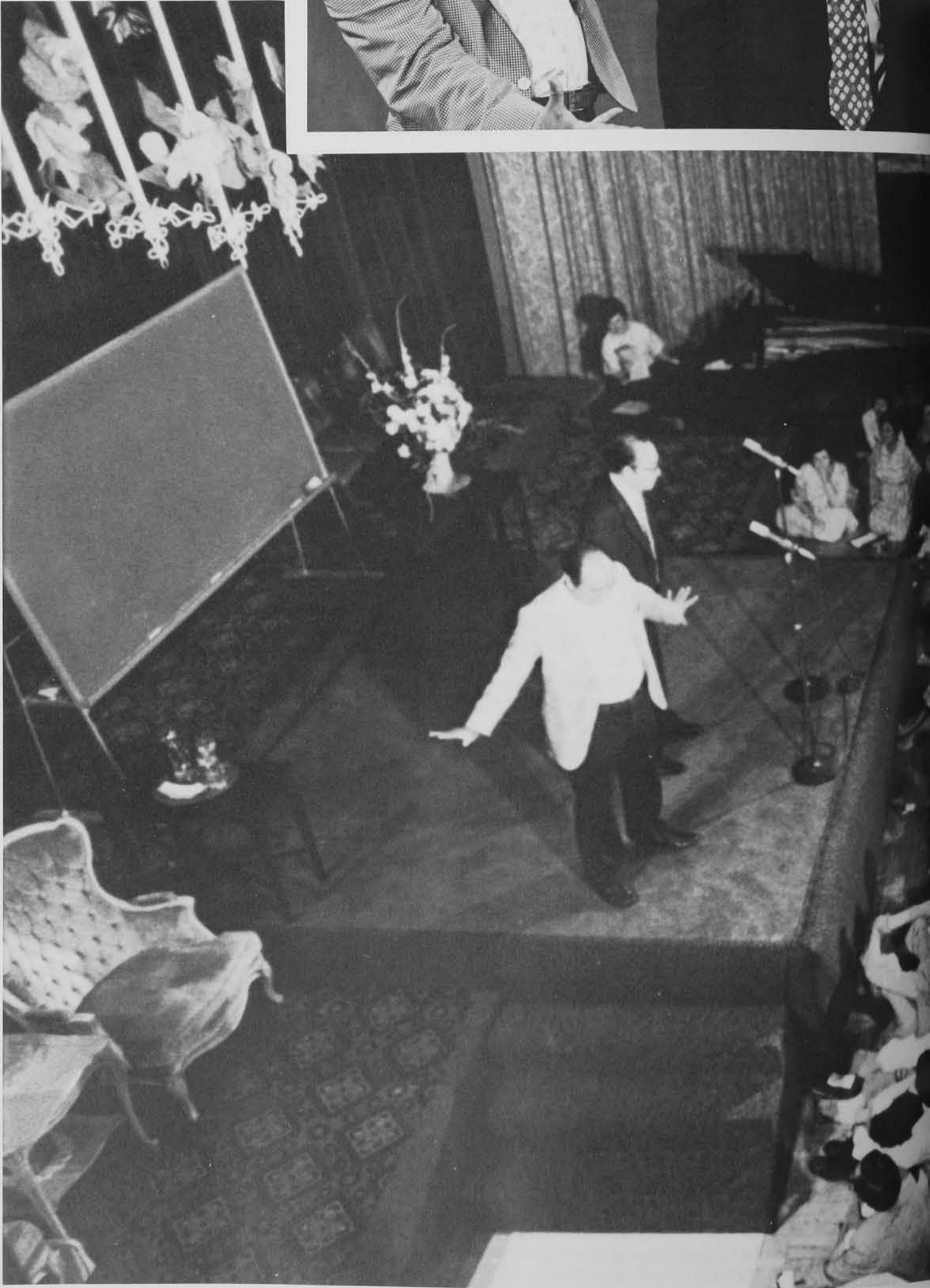
That same evening, the wedding banquet was held in the Terrace Ballroom. As in any gathering where those involved do not know each other well, a shyness barrier has to be broken. Col. Pak, the perfect master of ceremonies, suggested that there be a contest between the grooms and brides to see which of the two could outstare the other. Blinking was not allowed. Then he announced a second game. Instead of staring at each other, they should try to make each other laugh. This was funny for everyone, especially the spectators. Col. Pak then announced that we should make Father laugh. The room filled with noise and laughter as each one tried to influence Father. Even Mother and the children joined in, but to no avail. Father refused to budge. But suddenly there was a glimmer and he broke his seriousness to please us all. The room filled with joy. It was victory for all.

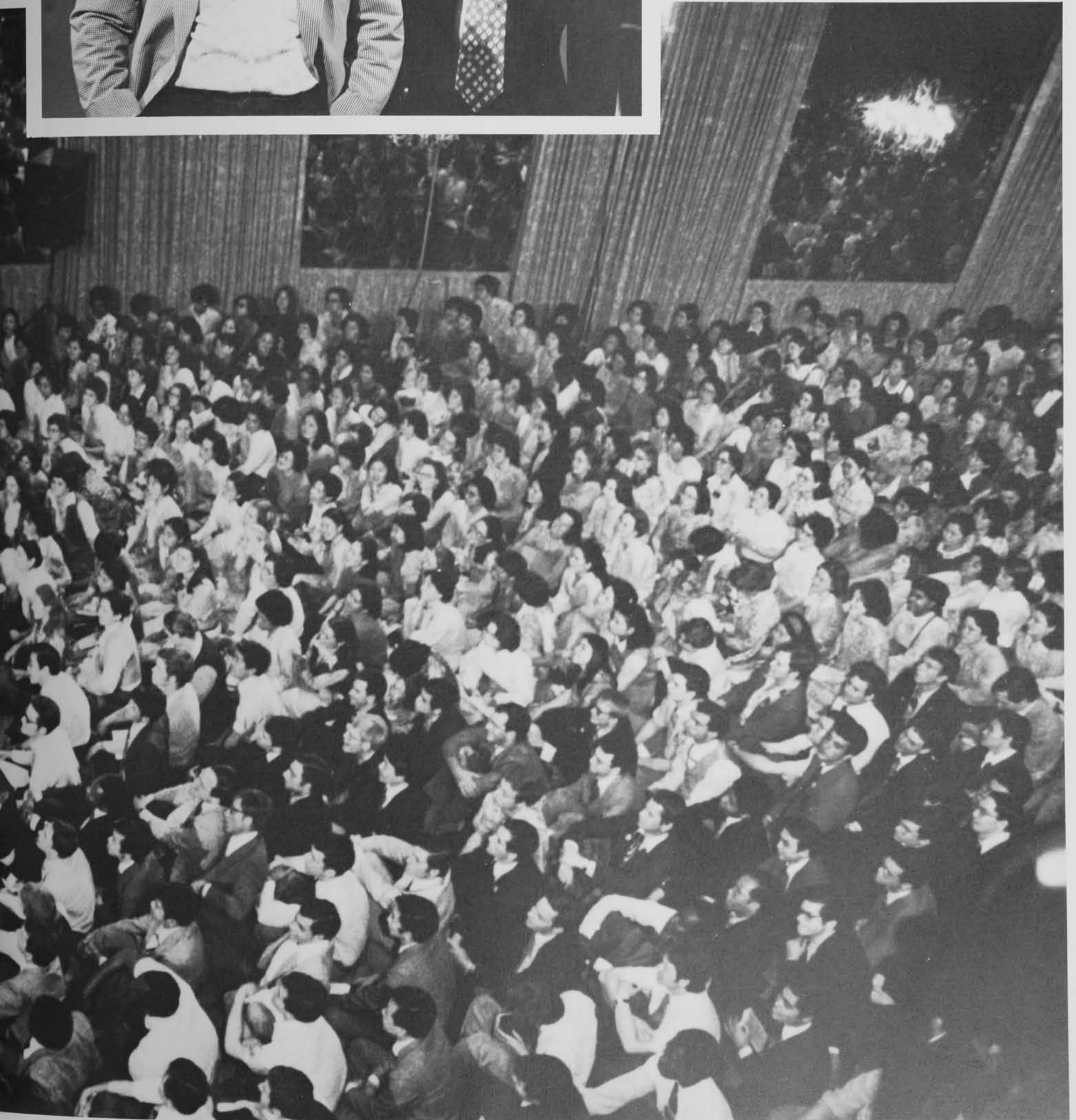
The entertainment then turned to a more serious note. Several couples were called upon to sing and to give testimony to our True Parents and to share their feelings on this very special day. Each one expressed deep gratitude to Father and Mother for the gift of the precious blessing.

Our True Parents sang together and Father invited In-Jin to sing with him. This is the first time we had seen them sing together publicly. It was very wonderful. Father accompanied his daughter's singing with whistling. Hyo-Jin inspired everyone with his smooth, clear voice when he sang the popular song, "Country Roads."

The atmosphere was warm and intimate, the entertainment deep and inspiring. We could all agree that this was one of the most beautiful days we had ever experienced.

705 Couples Engagement May 13, 1979





**The Engagement & Holy Wine Ceremonies
Engagement of 705 Couples
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Our First ceremony will be the engagement ceremony; it will be followed by the Holy Wine ceremony. The Holy Wine ceremony is the ceremony of restoration. The content of this restoration is quite important. It is the restoration of lineage. Unless you pass through such a ceremony, you cannot be restored from the satanic realm into the heavenly realm. Before Adam and Eve fell, they were engaged. However, Satan infiltrated and invaded Eve with an illicit love relationship which was transferred to Adam. This sequence of action brought the satanic lineage. In other words, Satan became the master. So far in history, there has not been even one single instance in which the heavenly lineage has been restored and the blessing given. There has been no heavenly lineage, and no true love. We are doing the true, historical restoration of the heavenly lineage which has never before existed.

In order to create such a moment, God has been working through his dispensation to make the proper environment and circumstances. Originally God planned to create the external environment first, like a fence: a worldwide fence, national fence, tribal fence, and family fence. He wanted to create the internal environment through religion. This is merely preparatory to have the world ready for the ultimate internal restoration, which will start from the individual. The true restoration from satanic lineage to heavenly lineage goes from the individual to the family, tribe, nation and so forth. In order to prepare such a possibility, God worked through religion throughout the years and prepared the external environment. However, the external foundation laid by Christianity has been broken down because of the disunity between Christianity and the Unification Church. Therefore we have been fighting to lay the external foundation, and we have done so. We have a worldwide base, a national base, a tribal base and a family base. We are now experiencing the true restoration as individuals and families to heaven. Thus I declared a new era, the new age, the Kingdom of Heaven Year One on February 23, 1977, which signifies that God has completed the entire external foundation. Now we are ready to go on with the internal restoration, which comes to us in the form of the blessing.

I completed the various conditions as if Christianity had never opposed us. We restored conditions such that it is as if Christianity had never opposed us. We succeeded in that, and now we move on.

In addition, this kind of dispensation will continue until the third seven year course is over in 1981. We have not only laid the external foundation, but we are solidly restored. You are 100% restored in your lineage. Since we have laid the cornerstone of the kingdom of heaven on the worldwide level, no power under the sun can exclude us from this earth.

And that family of the Unification Church, the family of heaven, is now spreading to all five colors of skin, to every race on earth. We are like a magnetic power. Any country and race in the world just has to plug into us. The core, containing all elements—black, white and yellow—has been created. Any race or culture plugging into us can have our blessing as



its own and spread that blessing.

The foundation we have now laid is like the foundation that there could have been in the time of Jesus had the people accepted him. We have created that kind of foundation on the worldwide level, centering upon the second coming of Christ.

The creation of the tribal Messiah through the home church is now our challenge. The home church system will create a multitude of messiahships. I have already laid the foundation so that each one of you is capable of becoming a messiah. This applies to the whole world—any race, language or cultural background.

So far in history, there has been no restoration of lineage from satanic to heavenly. Satan painted the world in black. Before, there has been no way to turn the black into white. But we are painting a new map in white. We can change the black into white. From this time on we will not only prosper but also change the map of the world into an entirely different creation of a totally unstained color. We can totally eradicate historical sin so that an untainted, genuine, pure quality can emerge. In other words, we are setting a condition to return to Adam and Eve before the fall. The angelic world, the spirit world, and God himself can directly assist and support us. If you are totally and absolutely united with God and the True Parents, then you are no longer alone. You are linked to this great universal power: the power of God, the power of the spirit world, and the power of the angels. But you must demonstrate one condition. That one condition is superior obedience. If you demonstrate that quality of obedience to God and the True Parents, then the entire universe will move in to assist you.

In this respect, husband and wife can represent total unity. You can go towards a certain goal, like two wheels running together or two feet walking together. Husband and wife are like two legs. You can walk without both of them working together.

Let's say we create a heavenly automobile. You can become one of its wheels no matter what. It doesn't matter if you are black, white, yellow or intermingled. The specification, size and quality of the wheel is so much the same that it is interchangeable. You can use any wheel and the automobile is sure to go. So any feeling of cultural or racial superiority is totally against God's will. If any of you thinks that you are superior because you are white, that is against the principle.

America today is proud of its advances and its twentieth

century culture. But because America thinks that it is so advanced, it brings more headaches to God. A primitive, rather simple and genuine way of life is better for God. Then he can plant a new culture more easily...

Many cultures in history have worshipped idols. Others have worshipped material goods. And still others worship science, feeling that knowledge can solve all of our problems and bring utopia to mankind. Cultures based on such assumptions will fade. There is no room for them in heaven. The central essence of culture in the Garden of Eden was supposed to be love, and nothing else.

Why do we do matching like this? Why do we go on with the blessing? We have one purpose in mind: to create a new culture. That new culture is the culture of love. For that reason, in order to create a more dramatic culture for heaven,



we have interracially mingled marriages.

This is really amazing. You look around and there is someone sitting beside you called your future wife, your finance. And you might wonder: "What happened to me? I never in my life imagined that this would happen." But actually what is happening here is not just for your own satisfaction. I want you to know that you are fulfilling one of God's most important desires. We are moving according to heavenly destiny. The cosmic spring is dawning, and we are receiving cosmic spring weather. We are coming out of the ground, becoming first a leaf and then a bud and finally a blossom. This is where we are going.

From this time on we are creating a wagon. We will call it the family wagon. Each one of us makes one of these

wagons in which we ride towards the common goal. In this wagon we circle the globe once, twice, even seven times. In the meantime, we can create here on earth the true, God-desired kingdom of heaven.

Let's say your wagon started in Asia. You shouldn't dwell just in Asia. Your wagon has to go to the Middle East, Europe, America and back to Asia again and again. You are not going to live in one place. Your wagon will circle the earth until eventually the wagons will completely cover every corner of the world. When the world's people see you, they will feel some uncommon parallel between this wagon and themselves. They will notice white, yellow and black on it. Wherever we go, we have elements to give.

This event could not just happen. Before this could take place, many incredible conditions were set by the spirit world. You have no idea how hard spirit world works to make things happen here.

You are destined to live the life of the family wagon. Then you must live up to the expectations of heaven. If a black and white husband and wife fight, you are not only making yourselves unhappy but making adversaries of the angelic world, the spirit world, and God. God is trying so hard to create the heavenly culture of love. If you work against such a culture, you are as bad as Satan. Satan took over the show just before the perfection level, at the second stage. When Satan took Adam and Eve, they had not yet fully blossomed and they were looking forward to love. You are actually in love. God and the True Parents have given you the authority to love each other. If you fail in this advanced stage, if you make yourself an adversary to God, the consequences could be worst than the consequences of the fall. The Bible frequently mentions that the Lord will bring judgment when he comes—all the evil doers and arrogant ones will be brought down to the pits of nether gloom. And you feel it down there. It is not even hell. It is worse than hell.

The engagement is like the restoration into the heavenly kingdom. We are registering your names as husband and wife into the kingdom of heaven. When you go through the wine ceremony, it is like you are getting a new birth certificate in the heavenly register. When you are registered, the remainder of your task is to move towards the heavenly Canaan.

So you are driving a heavenly wagon. Normally the husband, the subject, should drive first. But when you are tired, since you are not alone, you can rest and let your mate take over. This is beautiful cooperation. And if both parents get tired, the children can take over.

The children will come in two ways: first the spiritual children and then the physical children. With this, a population explosion will occur. Then not just one but many wagons will line up. And the particular wagon you are riding in will get bigger and bigger to accommodate more people. With so many people in the wagon, someone can take your place. You will be respected by these people. Later on you will not have much work to do in the wagon since you have so many children who can do it. So you can sing, dance, and conduct sightseeing. That will be your job.

Your wagon will be so powerful and invincible that it would not be bothered by a head-on-collision. Do you have the confidence to become that wagon?

If someone asks what your wife's race is, what's going to be your answer? The answer is "love race." We are creating a new race. I have named it the love race. The color of your skin is love color. When you talk about this love race, fighting men will stop and enjoy peace. Fighting children will stop and enjoy peace. And any kind of confrontation, squabble, fight or hatred will melt away. The love race is like the judge of the world. Can you do it? From this time on you are registering into the love race.

Touch your hip. Is there any string attached? If so, cut it. You laugh, but on the spiritual side, many of you still have strings attached. After this ceremony, we must completely subjugate our bodies. Once you do that, Satan will be fearful of you. He will have no power to make you obey, no power to pull you if no strings are left. Maybe you used to fight among yourselves. But from this time on, once you are completely liberated from Satan's power, nobody can affect you. It used to be that Satan could always use a fight between husband and wife as a condition to claim them. But now, if you fight, Satan has to take you to God's courtroom. And God will say, "do you know why they fight? They fight each other to be more loyal to me."

Today you must completely change your concept. We are entering a new kingdom, a new realm, a new country. From this ceremony on, you are in a new race, a new territory. You don't see it with your physical eyes, but spiritually you are changing your dwelling, your territory, and your citizenship. From this time on, you are holy creatures, you are holy beings. You have to separate from anything ungodly. You must feel that you are a holy temple in your thoughts and actions. When priests enter into their ceremonial place, there is only one route to go. There is no deviation, no shortcut. You should be like the tabernacle in the Old Testament, making the area clean and holy where you move. There is only one way to go. There is no cheap, cheating way.

Are you really thankful to God for this? Why are you appreciative? The answer is very simple and obvious. We are thankful to God for sending us True Parents. Your children and your grandchildren will be thankful to God for the True Parents, but also they will thank Him for their tribal True Parents, their own parents and grandparents. So I am grateful to God, you are grateful to God, and your children will be grateful to God. Each generation will line up together to offer thanksgiving. That is our tradition. We are pioneers of tradition. God established a cosmic tradition, the True Parents established a worldwide tradition. You are creating the national tradition. Your children and your grandchildren will set the tradition for the tribe and family. Unless you have a foundation of gratitude, you have no way to link yourselves to God and the heavenly kingdom. The foundation of gratitude is the key upon which everything will blossom. Your children will be thankful for the heavenly family. You are thankful for the heavenly nation. I am thankful for the worldwide foundation, and God is thankful for the cosmic and universal foundation. The person who does not know how to express gratitude will derail from the Principle. There is no question about it.

God is the root. The True Parents are the trunk. You are the branches of the tree. Your descendants will be the leaves. Anything satanic is always organized from a selfish standpoint.

But the heavenly tradition will look beyond this. We are existing for something. The leaves are existing for the branches. The branches are existing for the trunk. The trunk is existing for the roots. That is the way in which the whole tree can prosper. You must understand this. You exist for something greater than yourself. That is a basic principle and also a physical theory. So we will be armed with such a spirit and conviction. And we must give that tradition and conviction to our children, for we are responsible for their education. Most of you here have white skin, yellow hair, and blue eyes. But you have inherited a yellow face, black hair, and brown eyes.

When children will be asked "What race are your parents?" They may be apt to say: "My daddy is white and my mommy is black." But you teach them: "No, no, we are 'love' color, the 'love' race. When you go out, you must be the exemplar and subject of love. You are going to disseminate love, sprinkle love and give love. You are like a locomotive, pulling the love train." Then the children will say, "Yes, daddy and mommy, we'll do it." That should be answer of your children.

There has been some criticism in America among the races. The white people often say, "Black people are lazy and stupid. They don't work too hard and they love free handouts." Some white people look at black people like that. But they don't know anything about the black members of the Unification Church.

These days, very few people really like to work. Because of this, this is a good time for us because we can show ourselves to be superior. While other people are trying to evade work, we are asking for it. We can distinguish ourselves right away because we work day and night. Black people have one great advantage: they can work day and night easier than white people. Take advantage of this, black people, and you will eventually become a superior race.

History is fair: everyone takes his turn at prosperity and failure in history. So far, white people have had supremacy. They have worked very hard in history. But the yellow race has given them stiff competition. But one more oppressed race is waiting for this opportunity. White people have worked so hard to build the foundation; yellow people have worked so hard to decorate it. In the end, the people who will actually go into that building and enjoy it are black people. I have always felt that black people are the most sagacious; they have opened their spiritual eyes to a very deep reality. They have long been waiting for their turn, passing through the hardworking white and yellow histories. And they have been oppressed as a racial minority, persecuted many times.

As a persecuted people, they have heard that another group is being persecuted; they have heard about Reverend Moon and the Unification Church. Many black people are saying, "Why not go see it? You have been persecuted and we have been persecuted; you are a minority and we are a minority; we have a lot in common." So they come in and discover the greatest heavenly truth. Again the black race has a chance to get ahead. In the Unification Church they find an electrical quality to awaken them. It is now their turn. They cannot remain in an oppressed position. And when they start to work in the Moonie spirit, the minority will



become the super-race.

Throughout American history, the black people have been oppressed, so they have a desire for revenge. They are looking forward to vindication. Today, spurred on by the spirit of the Unification Church, the black race has a great opportunity not only for its own sake but for the future.

Yesterday you saw that I called upon the black race first. This is teaching a lesson to the white and yellow people. First I matched the blacks, then the orientals, and last the whites. Why? Because history is such that this is a logical sequence. Black people have a great opportunity here. You have been criticized for being idle and lazy. And it may be true that some black people just wait for their welfare checks. White and yellow people have been working, but they will get tired in time. When they sit down and relax, the black people can stand up and pick it up... The way I can bring blessing to the black race is to encourage them to work hard, and they will win respect and admiration. Those couples in which both partners are black could have a great advantage because both of them will be working very hard. White people, when the chips are down, might think that it is getting too hard. They might sit down and wonder: "Why do I need this marriage? Why not separate?"

Who does America belong to? I'm sure that white people would say, "Yes, I'm sure that America is white America." Black people will say, "No, America is black America. In order to build America in its 200 year history, black people have invested more sweat, tears and labor; therefore it belongs to us. You white people have been having an easy time and have taken advantage of us. But in order to make today's America, we sprinkled our sweat all over the country."

Blacks have paid more sacrifice for the sake of America. So you have set the tradition to claim your sacrifice. Go ahead, ask for it. The time has come. I feel that this is absolutely necessary. History works by cause and effect. If white people take advantage of black, the time will come when black people will want to take advantage of whites. This is cause and effect.

I have brought a new movement so that blacks and whites will become united into one harmonious body. In so doing, wonderful indemnity is being paid, preventing anyone from being exploited. The white people of the Unification Church are really indemnifying the crimes of the white people of history. For example, how many whites wanted to be matched with blacks? So many whites volunteered. This has never happened in American history. This dramatically symbolizes that our movement is restoring the white colonialist takeover of the blacks. What we are doing here yesterday and today shows the dramatic repentance of the white people. Indeed, we have shown a willingness to love black people, to unite with them, and to serve them. So if a black and white couple becomes exemplary in serving each other, the society and the nation, then the entire nation and world will bow down to you. This is a saving grace for the people. If you demonstrate your repentance in tears and sweat, there will be a chance for the sin of the entire white race to be forgiven.

Today we are about to undertake the ceremony which will proclaim to heaven and earth that we are now registering

as a love race. Do you feel to the bone that this is a really historical place? This means that your clothing becomes historical: your tie, your shirt, your jewelry, everything. What about your eyes, nose and cheeks? Everything that participated in this grand auditorium is a historical thing: this is the place where white loves black and black loves white. From a historical standpoint, each one of you is greater than any President or First Lady of the United States. You must be proud of that. In America I have been persecuted and criticized, but not even once did I feel shame. I am proud of what I am. I'm sure some white brothers feel that they are very handsome. If they also feel that their black brides are beautiful, they will receive a citation from God. Because your bride is the opposite of yourself, the declaration of your love will shine. You are going to create the most fantastic family, the family where songs and beauty will never cease. Your children will be ecstatic in joy and will not leave the garden of your family, for it will be such a living kingdom of heaven on earth. Do you have that kind of dream? In your own Garden of Eden, in your own home, when you laugh with your black bride, the African continent will laugh. If you have a white bride, the European continent will laugh, and if you have a yellow spouse, the Asian continent will laugh. Since all continents and races will be laughing, God will have to do better than anybody else. (Father does an exaggerated laugh) (Col. Pak: Do you need a translation? Father says that God will be so ecstatic, so joyful that He will even forget to put the belt in His pants and everything will fall down. And then we will have a real dance!)

One time in the history of the Unification Church we were accused of taking off our clothes and dancing naked. Actually, we never did that. However, this criticism probably forecast this joyful day!

You need a partner to share such joy. You've been sharing this joy with God and the True Parents. Now the time has come that you can share this joy between husband and wife, man and woman, bride and bridegroom. That is why this ceremony is important.

Are you ready? It is a great day, isn't it? I could go on all day and all night, but we must go on with the ceremony. Let's get down to work. There are 705 couples. This is a very historical number. This has never happened in the history of this continent. You know it, right?

Are we happy people? It is incredible that such people are existing here on earth in this country. When we look at what is going on in this country and in the entire world, it is a miracle that this kind of excitement, this kind of God-centered joy is prevailing in one place.

(Col. Pak: Father is about to pray in the engagement ceremony. This prayer is the most vital and important registration of all of you to heaven. In this prayer, Father will say the date and the hour, and he will declare to heaven and earth in the name of the True Parents that you are now registered as true sons and daughters, solemnly beginning the eternal task as true families.)

We have now set out to create heavenly families. So the engagement ceremony is over. You are already engaged. You are fiances, future husbands and wives. The next ceremony is the ceremony of the restoration of lineage. The

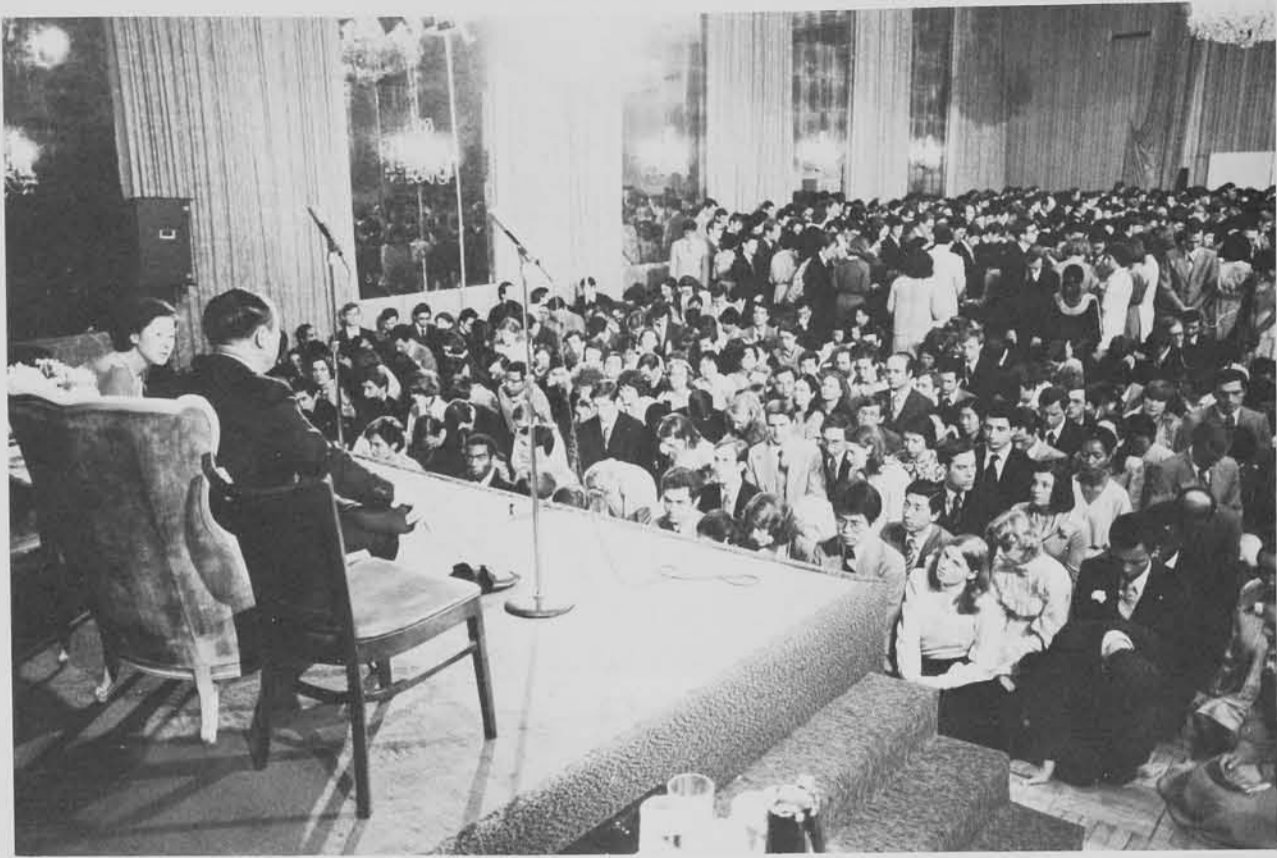
Holy Wine Ceremony is for the purpose of changing the satanic lineage into the heavenly one. When Adam and Eve fell, there were no True Parents. All of a sudden the archangel came in between Adam and Eve, becoming Satan and dominating them. Now the True Parents emerge into the position of that archangel. You are not only receiving the lineage up to the perfection of the growth level but you are actually given the pure love of the perfection stage. We are restoring the evils and wrongs done in the Garden of Eden. The archangel became the master; the archangel was subjugated. As a restored archangel he gives a wine cup to Mother and Mother will give that cup to Father and Father will give it to the bride. Through the bride the husband will be restored. That is the sequence of the fallen action. Father will give the cup to Eve. Heavenly love is bestowed upon Eve's position. Right now all men are in the archangel position.

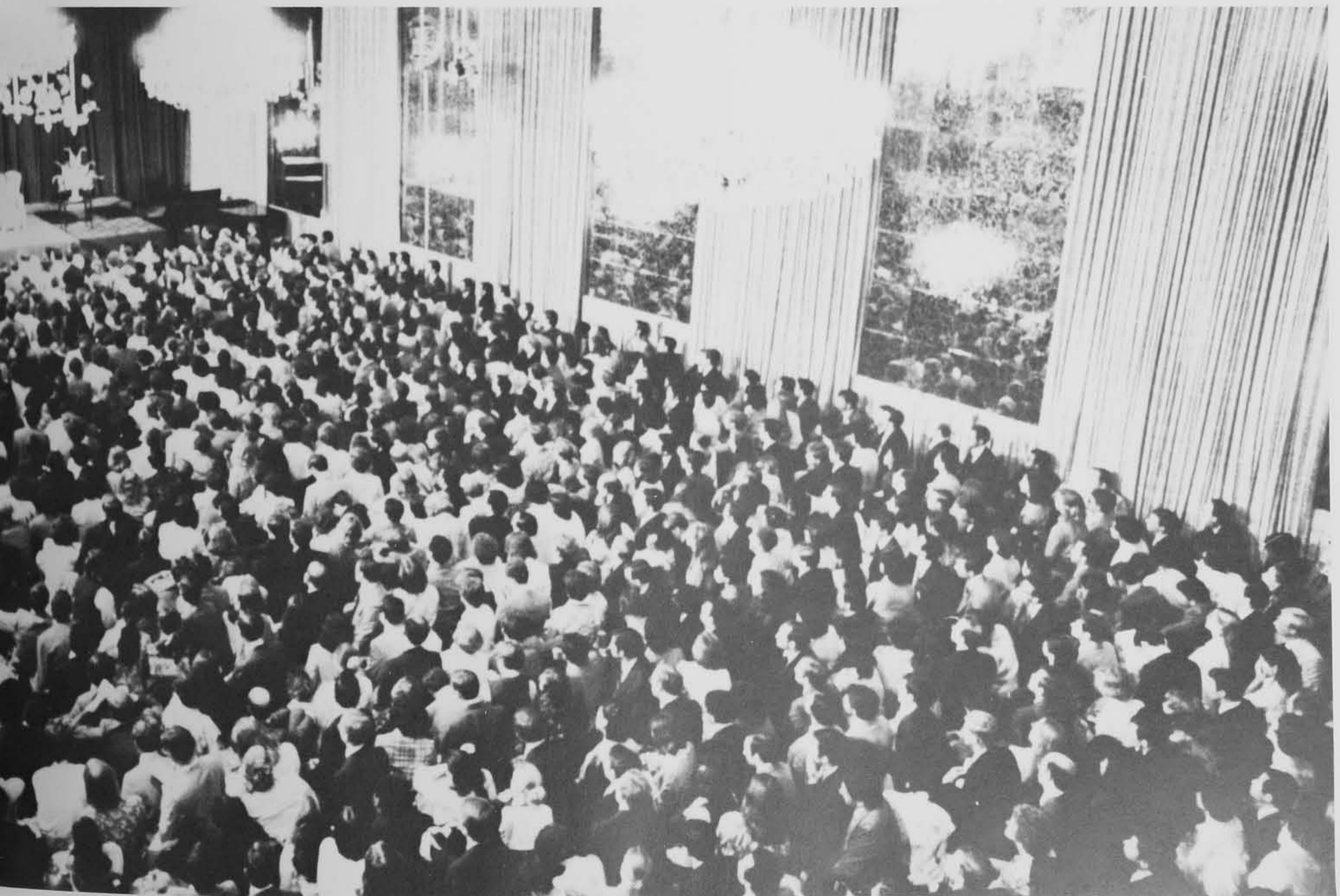
Before we go into the Holy Wine Ceremony, there is one more sequence to follow. That is the transference of love ceremony. Perfected Adam comes in the position of True Father and gives the bride true love. In other words, it is almost like a grafting ceremony. You will be grafted into the tree of True Father in true love. Fallen Eve is restored into a heavenly woman who can give new birth to the archangel; the husband is given new birth through the wife. That is the sequence. In the fallen process, the archangel gave birth to fallen Eve. So therefore the True Parents come to give new birth to Eve then she in turn can give heavenly rebirth to her husband. Your bride is in the role of mother because she gives you a new birth. For the next three years the bride will have the mother's role. The husband's position is to serve and obey his wife. For three years your wife is not your wife but your mother. You cannot live with your mother as you would a wife. Until the heavenly blessing comes, you have a mother-son relationship. Until then, you must become one, serving your wife as a mother. If you are not united with her all the way until the day of the wedding, you will not be blessed. When the day of heavenly restoration comes, the woman has to play the important role because women must give new birth to the entire world. At the worldwide level, America is the central country. In America, women's power, women's dignity, and women's rights have been enhanced for the last 70 years. This is a dispensational happening. According to the Principle, from the heartistic point of view, women will be closer to God and the True Parents for the next three years. After the wedding ceremony is conducted and a 40-day spiritual separation takes place, there is a three day ceremony. After this ceremony, the man finally restores his subject role. So far, everything is upside down. But three years later through the wedding ceremony and three day ceremony following it, the original sequence is restored. You must go through this for the stained lineage to be gradually washed out and for the heavenly subject and object sequence to be restored. Then you have your children. The children are going to be heavenly children. This is the way that the restoration will be conducted. Satan cannot disrupt this principle. In order to do that, Satan has to come up with a better principle, and there is no such thing as a better principle. (Father goes on with the ceremony.)















Press Conference





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Rev. Sun Myung Moon explaining the religious and spiritual significance of marriage within the Unification Church to church members. More than 1,400 persons were matched and engaged by Rev. Moon during ceremonies over the weekend. Rev. Moon is accompanied by his chief aide and translator Bo Hi Pak.

Reverend Moon matches, engages 1,410 people

By Paula Gray
NEWS WORLD STAFF

In the largest such ceremony to date in America, Rev. Sun Myung Moon matched and engaged more than 700 couples over the Mother's Day weekend. Unification officials announced today.

Rev. Moon, who is known for his mass marriages of up to 1,800 couples at a time, presided over a special engagement ceremony for 1,410 church members in the Grand Ballroom of the former New Yorker Hotel at Eighth Avenue and 34th Street.

The ceremony is the first step toward the formal wedding ceremony which occupies a pivotal position in the church's theology, which maintains the sanctity of marriage and family as a cornerstone of faith.

"The marriage for us is a combina-

tion of baptism, taking holy orders and matrimony," said a church leader explaining the significance yesterday.

Members who were at least 24 years old and had been in the church for four years or 26 years and in the church three years were eligible to participate in the engagement. The candidates were informed of the ceremony Friday morning and by evening more than 1,400 people had gathered in the City from all over the world.

Many of the couples were mixed, either racially or by nationality, with 31 nations sending candidates to the massive ceremony.

Among those participating were the three Sheeran sisters—Victoria, 29; Jaime, 27, and Josette, 24—subject of extensive press coverage when the three joined the controversial church three years ago. The three are daughters of New Jersey's Insurance Commissioner James Sheeran.

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Wendy Helander, who made headlines during her abduction and "deprogramming" three years ago and has filed a \$9 million suit against her abductors, was also engaged yesterday.

The actual engagement process began early Saturday morning with Rev. Moon personally making matching recommendations to couples. The couples would then consult individually about the match and decide whether to commit themselves during the following engagement ceremony or ask Rev. Moon for another recommendation. Most accepted the recommendation.

Some participants expressed preferences and after consulting both partners Rev. Moon either endorsed the match or recommended an alternative.

The entire process took about 16 hours over four sessions and was finally completed Sunday afternoon.

Following church policy, couples who were engaged before joining the church were rematched and many married couples went through the ceremony as a means of rededication to each other. After the ceremony all members returned to their responsibilities throughout the nation and world.

Rev. Moon also announced yesterday that a mass wedding of at least 4,000 couples will be held some time in 1981. Couples who participated in yesterday's engagement ceremony in New York as well as some 2,500 who went through similar ceremonies in Europe and Asia last fall will be married by Rev. Moon at that time.

The last major mass wedding was of 1,800 couples in Korea in February 1975.

Family a building block

The Unification Church's theology stresses the family as the building block for a better world and couples see their marriage as a commitment to this goal as well as their personal relationship, a church spokesman explained.

He said that since Rev. Moon began engaging and marrying couples in the early '60s, the church has maintained a divorce rate of less than 5 percent. This compares to a national average of nearly 50 percent with states like California have a staggering divorce rate of nearly 90 percent, according to recent statistics from the World Almanac.

Paul and Sue Griffiths came from England this weekend to participate in



Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Unification Church members during the matching activities at the church's World Mission Center. More than 1,400 church members were matched and engaged by Rev. Moon—the largest such event ever held in the United States.

the ceremony. "I feel like I've started a new life," Paul said.

Cynthia Gibbs from Colorado was engaged to Akimasa Hiromitsu, from Japan. "I feel deep happiness, more than anything I've ever felt before," she said last night at her fiance's side. "I really wanted an Oriental marriage because their spiritual understanding is so deep."

Akimasa said, "For the future I felt if we were just the same race there'd be limits [in our marriage]. I felt we need to understand different cultures for ourselves."



Joseph Stein and Patricia Gleason were among members of the Unification Church from all over the world who were matched and engaged by Rev. Moon.

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For 705 couples it's love forever

By Francesca Drane
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Admitting the great difference between "a black man from Mississippi and a nice Jewish girl from Yonkers," George Whitfield and Ellen Vogel expressed their deep commitment to "build a better world" through their union as husband and wife.

The pair was one of more than 700 couples who were matched and formally engaged over the weekend by Rev. Sun Myung Moon, leader of the Unification Church.

At a press conference held at the former Hotel New Yorker and presided over by Church president Neil Salonen, several of the newly engaged couples discussed the meaning of their intention to marry in terms of their religious and personal goals and values.

"We have a commitment to build a better world, not through rhetoric but by sticking our necks out and rolling up our sleeves and make it happen," said the 28-year-old Whitfield.

"People of different races separate themselves and that's tragic," he said. "We wanted the kind of marriage that could help bring people together."

Miss Vogel, 24, who works as a saleswoman, added, "When people see our family—the beautiful children we will have—it will explode all of their narrow concepts." Jeff Thomas, 28, and Roshan D-Souza, 27, are a couple whose union transcends both racial and international lines. He hails from Oregon and she is a native of India.

"We want our marriage to be an example that there should be no barriers between people and to show that we can choose and do anything we choose for the sake of mankind," said Thomas, a

musician in a church rock group.

How did this couple decide to undertake a marriage that will undoubtedly face more complications than most?

"We prayed and I knew it was right," Miss D-Souza said.

Mary Beth Pender, 27, and Dan Holdgrieve, 27, went on their first date after they were already matched, but they said they are already confident that they can develop a deep love for one another because of the goals and values they share.

While admitting that the marriage practices are "not exactly traditional," Holdgrieve said that through the church's teachings he had been able to "find a deeper meaning in the ideal of marriage."

"In the Unification Church, we spend our whole time preparing for marriage," he explained. "We already know that we share the deepest beliefs and most important things in life."

While many of the 705 matches made in the mass ceremony were interracial or international, this wasn't generally the case. In some instances, couples came from very similar backgrounds.

David Sperling, 27, assistant features editor for the News World and of Jewish background, was engaged to Celeste Cohen, 27, who is also Jewish and, like Sperling, from New York. Both have parents living in Manhattan—less than 20 blocks apart—although they have never met.

On Sunday evening, after the engagement ceremony, the couple set off with two bouquets of flowers to give their mothers for Mother's Day. Their first stop was on West 22nd Street, where they were warmly greeted by Mrs. Carolyn Sperling.

"It was a match made in heaven," exclaimed Mrs. Sperling. "She's a lovely girl and I know she will make my son very happy."

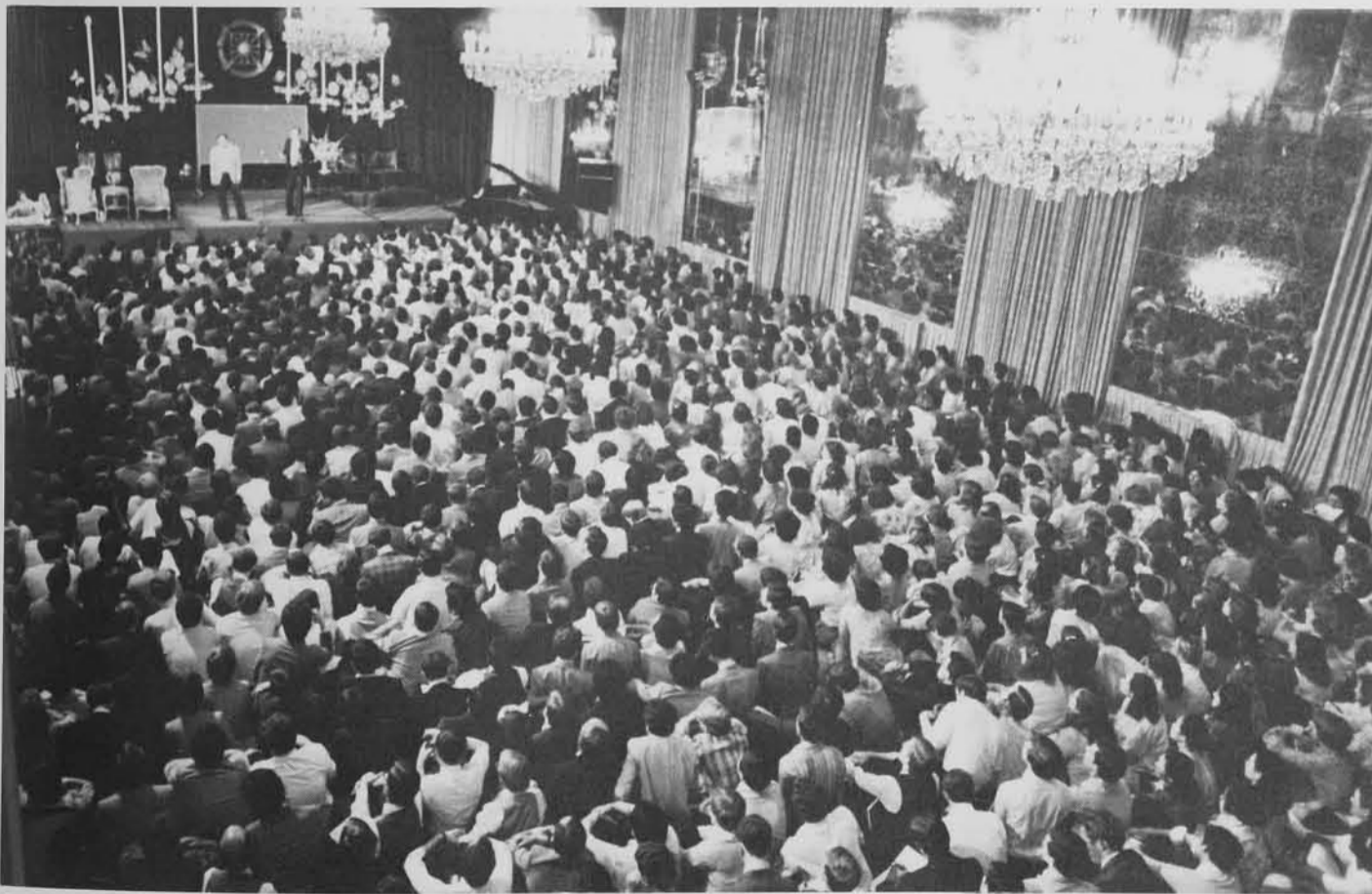
A little later, the pair took a 10-minute walk over to East 9th St. to the home of Celeste's mother and stepfather.

In anticipation of the arrival, Mrs. Helen Goldstein had ready an ice-cream cake with the inscription, "To your future happiness."

The Goldsteins, pleased with their prospective son-in-law, were also eager to meet their "neighbor" Mrs. Sperling as soon as possible.

All of the couples interviewed said that beyond their commitment to bettering the world through their marriage, they were also simply very happy with their future spouses.

Bruce Casino, a native of Canada, gazed lovingly at his fiancée Patsy Johnson, a beautiful black woman, as he expressed the thought that all the couples seemed to share: "I feel like I'm the luckiest man alive to have a mate like Patsy for all eternity."



Couples listen to Rev. Moon explain the significance of the Unification Church engagement ceremony. Some 705 couples, many of them of different nationalities and races, participated in the matching and engagement over Mother's Day weekend at the church's World Mission Center in Manhattan.

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Moon's mass weddings: they're big and they last

By Paula Gray
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Since 1960, Rev. Sun Myung Moon has matched and married nearly 3,300 couples—a feat that has earned him multiple entries in the Guinness Book of World Records.

What has not entered the record books is the even more staggering statistic of less than 5 percent divorce rate among his matched mates—many of whom had not previously met or even spoke the same language.

At a time when America is suffering from a divorce rate of 50 percent on the average and as high as 90 percent in California, according to the World Almanac—Rev. Moon's matchmaking credentials are impressive.

The marriage ceremony plays a key role in the Unification Church's theology which teaches the sanctity of marriage is the first building block to a better world.

Since the church is committed to restoring the entire world the marriages are often on an international level.

At a press conference following this weekend's mass engagement ceremony Neil Salonen, president of the Unification Church in America, said the ceremony "represents a commitment to each other as future parents and spouses. However, in an even deeper sense, (it) represents a commitment to God and to mankind."

"In the Unification Church we believe marriage is not only for the happiness of individuals but also for the happiness of our descendents and God," he explained.

Long before Americans had ever heard of the controversial evangelist, Rev. Moon was capturing media attention in the Far East with his unique marriage ceremonies.

In 1961, a year after he himself was married to Mrs. Moon, Rev. Moon mar-

ried 36 of his closest followers in a small private ceremony in his headquarters in Seoul.

Ceremony grows

The following year that number was doubled with a marriage of 72 couples—most of whom were recommended for each other by Rev. Moon.

The number was again doubled in 1963 in a ceremony matching and marrying 124 couples—this time, as in the last three ceremonies all the participants were Koreans.

In 1968 when the church was 14 years old and had gained a substantial following, not only in its native Korea but in nearby Japan, Rev. Moon married 430 couples, which for the first time included Japanese couples.

The following year during Rev. Moon's second world tour he held three separate wedding ceremonies in Japan, Europe, and for the first time in America. A total of 43 couples were matched and married at that time, including 13 American couples.

When the wedding for the 124 couples was being planned in 1963, Rev. Moon insisted on buying a car for each couple—a task that is easy in America or Japan but nearly impossible in Korea.

But the impossible was accomplished and with one couple in each car, a bridal convoy drove through the streets of Seoul after the wedding—beginning what was to become a church custom, highly applauded by the Korean population.

In the much larger 1968 wedding, tour buses were used instead of cars, with about 25 couples in each bus.

This tradition was repeated in 1970 when Korea hosted the first truly international wedding in the church's history where 777 couples from 10 nations were married in Seoul's largest auditorium and then carried in huge buses

Weds mixed couples

Five years later 1,800 couples were married in the same auditorium and this time not only were 24 nations represented but many of the couples were mixed racially and from differing countries and backgrounds.

The international couples also brought an international press corps with them for this unprecedented event and when the nearly 100 buses filled with smiling brides and grooms of all nations paraded through Seoul's streets, they were greeted by thousands of cheering Koreans.

The 777 wedding had earned Rev. Moon a place in the Guinness Book of World Records but the 1975 wedding necessitated an updating of that famed volume.

A small ceremony was held in America at the end of 1976, when 35 couples in the church were remarried in a special service.

A few months later, in 1977, a marriage ceremony involving 74 couples took place in the former New Yorker hotel—the largest wedding to date on American soil.

During his recent stay in Europe last summer Rev. Moon matched and married 118 couples.

Since last fall Rev. Moon has held four separate engagement ceremonies, similar to the engagement held here in New York over the weekend. About 70 couples were engaged in Europe; 1,610 in Japan; 800 in Korea and finally 705 in New York—for a total of 3,185 couples.

Also over the weekend Rev. Moon announced that a mass marriage ceremony of at least 4,000 will be held some time in 1981 for all the engaged couples—a major ceremony that may be his last public wedding in a history that will have spanned 20 years.

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Shirley Stadelhofer and Ludo Smidak, both older members of the church, receive applause as they were matched by Rev. Moon.



Peter Spoto and Fong Eng were one of many international couples matched by Rev. Sun Myung Moon over the weekend.